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## REGIONAL SECURITY STUDIES

### INTRODUCTION

The Department of National Security Affairs at the Naval Postgraduate School offers a comprehensive Masters Degree program in Regional Security Studies, tailored to the intellectual needs and institutional requirements of the U.S. armed forces and related federal agencies and departments. We provide fully accredited curricula concentrating on Europe and Eurasia, Asia, Africa, Latin America, and the Middle East, in an academic environment that includes students from all the U.S. armed services, other government departments, and many foreign countries. Our regional curricula focus on providing comprehensive knowledge about the current politics, international security issues, history and culture in each region. Students leave the NSA program with a deep knowledge of the region's history and culture, as well as current political dynamics. Many of our classes focus on country and regional security issues, paying particular attention to emerging security trends. Currently, this means that even if it is not in the course title, many classes include some focus on terrorism, Islamic extremism or the global war on terror. Students may enter our curricula in any academic quarter, and with any undergraduate background. Questions about admissions procedures should be addressed to the Naval Postgraduate School Director of Admissions, or to the National Security Affairs Curricular Officer (Appendix A).

Depending upon sponsor requirements, study at NPS may be preceded or followed by language instruction at the Defense Language Institute, co-located on the Monterey Peninsula. In addition, courses conveying Phase I JPME certification, as well as selected U.S. Marine Corps PME courses, are available to Regional Security Studies students while in residence at NPS.

Graduate-level programs in regional security studies evolve continuously in response to changing international conditions, the changing interests and research activities of the faculty, and changing sponsor requirements. It is certain that some of the information presented here will become outdated over time. Questions about academic planning, course requirements, thesis topics, and so on, should be directed to the Academic Associate. Questions about service-related or administrative issues should be directed to the Curriculum Officer.

### GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All recipients of a Master's Degree at NPS must complete a sequence of courses approved by their program sponsor, including at least 16 hours of graduate work at the 4000-level.

Programs in Regional Security Studies are structured to satisfy these requirements, while affording students sufficient flexibility to develop and pursue their own interests effectively. Curricular requirements derive from the Educational Skill Requirements developed in consultation with curriculum sponsors (N3/5 for 681-84, DNI for 824), and vary somewhat depending upon service affiliation and length of stay. Students should be alert to these differences. **Only Navy and Marine officers are subject to the "SECNAV Requirement," which is satisfied by enrolling in NW 3230, *Strategy and Policy*; and only Navy officers are required to complete the JPME Phase I certification program. Navy officers in curricula 681-84 are also required to take a strategic studies elective.** NS 4255, *Seminar in Naval History and Maritime Strategy* fulfills this requirement, but other strategy related classes in the NSA department may fulfill the requirement if approved by the Academic Associate. Students in other services may choose it as an elective.

**Disciplinary Core Courses.** All students in Regional Security Studies are expected to acquire a basic familiarity with four academic fields: history, international relations, comparative politics, and economics. The courses required to satisfy this requirement are:

NS 3000, *War in the Modern World*

NS 3023, *Introduction to Comparative Politics*

NS 3024, *Introduction to International Relations*

NS 3040, *The Politics of Global Economic Relations*;  
or NS 3041, *Comparative Economic Systems*.

NS2011, *Policy Analysis and Research Methods*

Disciplinary core courses should be taken as early as possible in a student's program of study.

**The 2-hour course in research methods, NS 2011, *Policy Analysis and Research Methods*; is required as an overload (a fifth course) during the first or second quarter of enrollment.**

**Curricular Core Courses.** Every Regional curriculum includes courses that are required either individually or as one of a small number of specified alternatives. In the Area Studies curricula (681-84), the curricular core courses provide a basic introduction to the subspecialty region. These curricular core classes are designed to deliver a base knowledge about the history, culture, politics, international relations, political economy and US interests in the region. The NSA instructors in the regional programs have in-depth experience living and working in the regions about which they teach,

and they bring this firsthand knowledge about life and culture in their region into all aspects of their instruction.

**Curricular Electives.** Curricular electives are courses directly and substantially pertinent to the subspecialty region. Curricular electives differ from curricular core courses to the extent that individual courses are not required. They differ from “general” electives, described below, to the extent that student choices are confined to a list of designated courses. The array of courses offered as curricular electives varies from year to year, and will change as new courses are developed. In nearly all cases, the appropriateness of a course as a curricular elective for a given region will be apparent from its title (i.e. the title of the course mentions the region or country on which it focuses.) Questions about the appropriateness of new or unlisted courses as curricular electives should be addressed to the Academic Associate.

**General Electives.** A student’s choice of general electives is not constrained by formal requirements – though it is assumed that the courses chosen will be consistent with the student’s overall educational goals, and with the goals of subspecialty education as described in the sponsor’s ESRs. General electives may be chosen to support thesis research, to pursue secondary areas of academic interest, or to prepare for the comprehensive examination. They may be chosen from all courses in National Security Affairs or, with permission of the Academic Associate, from other departments or groups at NPS.

**“SECNAV” Requirement.** The Secretary of the Navy has ordered that all DON personnel enrolled at NPS take at least four hours of graduate-level course work addressing:

the historical, current, and evolving elements of maritime strategy. Instruction in developments in naval warfare will include an analysis and comparison of present and emerging tactical and strategic naval doctrine as well as an analysis of emerging technical developments and their potential effect upon the prosecution of tactical and strategic naval warfare by the United States, our allies, and our potential adversaries.

Navy and Marine officers may satisfy this requirement by enrolling in NW 3230, *Strategy and Policy: The American Experience*. Marine Officers who either have attended or will attend the Command and Staff College may validate the requirement. Others may take the course at any time. Navy officers should take it during their first quarter, to insure that they are able to complete the rest of the JPME sequence, of which this course is a part.

**ONI Requirement.** All Naval Intelligence officers are required to take two courses in addition to their curricular requirements and electives. These courses are NS3159 (Principles of Joint Operational Intelligence) and NS4159 (Intelligence Capstone Seminar). One of these courses may be used as a substitute for one regional curricular elective.

**JPME Requirement.** A course sequence conveying JPME Phase I certification is required of all U.S. Navy officers in Regional Security Studies. Details about the courses necessary to satisfy this requirement can be found in the Naval Postgraduate School on-line catalogue. Regional Security Studies curricula allocate three course blocks of time (12 credit hours), in addition to the SECNAV course, to complete the sequence. JPME courses are an independent requirement, and may not be used to validate other required courses. Nor do they count as “general electives,” described below. Additional information on JPME should be obtained from Professor Fred Drake, Chairman, Joint Professional Military Education.

**Army FAO Requirement.** All Army FAOs are required to take at least 60% of their coursework in area-relevant classes. **To ensure that they meet this requirement they should take at least one additional regional elective or language class in place of one general NSA elective.** [TWO CLASSES?] Army FAOs must also enroll in the refresher language courses that are offered by NPS if they are relevant to their designated field. If NSA does not offer a refresher class, or if the student wishes to advance his or her language skills, students are encouraged to enroll in language classes at the Monterey Institute for International Studies (MIIS), with which NPS has a free cross-registration program. Instruction in languages not offered at MIIS can be arranged at Cal State University Monterey Bay or Monterey Peninsula College, on a per class basis, at additional cost. If the language is not offered at any of these institutions, it is possible to arrange on-on-one study through MIIS, for additional cost. Students will work with their Academic Associate to determine how these language classes will fit into their program of study at NPS.

**Thesis Research.** Students who enroll in programs of study lasting longer than 12-months are required to write a thesis. To do so, they are afforded the opportunity to enroll in NS 0810, *Thesis Research*, a maximum of three times. **Thesis students must also take NS 4080, *Research Colloquium*, normally during their third or fourth quarter in residence.**<sup>1</sup> Students who satisfy curricular course requirements through

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<sup>1</sup> Note that NS 4080 is a 2-hour Pass/Fail course. It does not count against the requirement that students take four 4000-level courses.

validation of courses (see p. 4, below) or by other means (e.g. taking an overload in a previous quarter), may enroll in NS 0810 more frequently with the permission of the Academic Associate. Those who prefer to take additional courses while completing their theses may enroll less frequently.

Students in 12-month programs may elect to write a thesis in lieu of taking the Comprehensive Examination (described below). Such a choice entails using some or all General Electives to enroll in NS 0810, *Thesis Research*. In these cases, NS 4080, *Research Colloquium*, substitutes for NS 0811, *Comprehensive Examination*.

All students writing theses should familiarize themselves with departmental policies regarding thesis proposals, and the time-table for the submission of the final manuscript. This information is available from the Department office.

**Comprehensive Examination.** Students whose language training requirements allow them only 12 months of graduate study may substitute such training for a Masters' Thesis, for the purpose of satisfying NPS degree requirements. Students who elect to make this substitution must also complete a written Comprehensive Examination in their sub-specialty field. Students taking comprehensive examinations are afforded time to prepare via enrollment in NS 0811, *Comprehensive Examination*. Note, however, that this course is not required. Student may use the time to take an additional elective if they wish. Details about the structure and contents of Comprehensive Examinations are available from the NSA office, or from the Academic Associate.

## CURRICULUM PLANNING

Regional Security Studies is a dynamic field. New courses are developed every year, while offerings among established courses vary from one year to the next depending upon the research programs and other commitments of the faculty. The need to provide a diverse mix of offerings means that few courses (apart from the disciplinary core courses) are offered more than once per year. These considerations, plus the fact that students enter and leave the program every quarter, and stay for varying lengths of time, make it infeasible to develop common matrices applicable to all students in a given subspecialty. The subspecialty requirements described below thus make no assumptions about course sequencing, and allow significant flexibility in course selection. Some courses require prerequisites, however, and students should be alert to these in making their plans. Requests for exceptions to prerequisite requirements should be addressed to the professor teaching the course.

**Directed Studies.** NS 3079, *Directed Studies in National Security Affairs*, and NS 4079, *Advanced Directed Studies in National Security Affairs*, are available to Regional Security Studies students who wish to pursue subjects that are not covered by regular departmental course offerings. Requests to enroll in these courses require explicit justification in light of the student's overall course of study. Students should keep in mind that none of the faculty in National Security Affairs teach every quarter, so it may not always be possible to arrange directed study with a particular professor at a particular time.

**Validation of Courses.** Students are encouraged to validate courses that duplicate material studied elsewhere. Doing so may create additional degrees of freedom, in the form of reduced course loads or an increased number of general electives, and can sometimes shorten the time necessary to obtain a degree. Students who validate a significant number of courses should be aware, however, that doing so may limit their educational opportunities, by reducing the number of relevant courses available to them in a given quarter.

**Exemptions and Exceptions.** The goal of the Regional Security Studies Program is to optimize educational results for individual students, while maximizing the value we convey to our curricular sponsors. To achieve this, it is occasionally necessary or desirable to waive formal requirements in order to permit students to pursue their own work most effectively. All such requests should be addressed to the Regional Coordinator and Academic Associate well in advance of any pertinent deadlines.

**Advising.** The system of advising in the NSA department includes the Education Technician (EdTech), Academic Associate (AA), and a set of Regional Coordinators. The *Ed-Tech* assists students with the procedural and technical side of course selection and administration (paperwork, official forms, selecting classes in the scheduling system, leave and extension forms, etc). When students arrive, they meet with the NSA EdTech, who provides an orientation that reviews the NSA and NPS requirements, explains the scheduling system, and provides students with their initial plan of study.

For curriculum specific, substantive matters, *Regional Coordinators* constitute the first line of advising for students. They provide advice on designing a course of study that meets both student needs and NSA program requirements; advice on thesis topics and selection of thesis advisors, and general program counseling. There are seven Regional Coordinators, one for each of the sub-fields in the regional stud-

ies program: Middle East, South Asia, Africa, Europe, Russia/Eurasia, East Asia and Western Hemisphere.

The *Academic Associate* is the approval authority for all student schedules; course selections, course substitutions and validations, and thesis proposals. All variations from the standard course curriculum will be reviewed and approved by the AA, in conjunction with the Regional Coordinator.

**MIDDLE EAST, AFRICA, AND SOUTH ASIA  
(681 / XX21P)**

Requirements in the 681 curriculum vary depending upon whether a student concentrates on the Middle East or Sub-Saharan Africa. Students concentrating on South Asia should consult the Academic Associate for assistance in devising an appropriate course of study.

**Disciplinary Core**

NS 3000, War in the Modern World  
NS 3023, Introduction to Comparative Politics  
NS 3024, Introduction to International Relations  
NS 3040, The Politics of Global Economic Relations; or NS 3041, Comparative Economic Systems.  
NS2011, Policy Analysis and Research Methods

**Curricular Core**

Middle East specialists

NS 3300 - Islam  
NS 3310 - History of the Modernizing Middle East, 1800-1958  
NS 3320 - U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East  
NS 3330 - Contemporary Politics in the Middle East  
NS 4255 - Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

Africa specialists

NS 3301 - History and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa  
NS 3311 - Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa  
NS 4301 - Seminar on African Political Economy  
NS 4321 - U.S. Policy Toward Africa  
NS 4255 - Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

South Asia specialists

NS 3368 - Politics and Security in South Asia  
*NS 4664 - Religious Activism in South Asia*  
(NOTE: AY05: Substitute NS4230 – Islamic Fundamentalism)  
NS 4667 - Seminar on Political Development in South Asia  
NS 4668 - Seminar on Security in South Asia  
NS 4255 - Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

**Curricular Electives**

*(Please note: electives change frequently, and this may not be a comprehensive list. Academic Associates and Regional Coordinators may approve as regional electives classes that are not on the list below.)*

Middle East specialization

Four of the following, of which at least two must be at the 4000-level.

NS3340 - International and Regional Economy of the Middle East  
NS 3360 - Politics and Security in North Africa  
NS 3361 - Politics and Security in the Levant  
NS 3362 - Politics and Security in the Persian Gulf  
NS 3363 - Politics and Security in the Northern Tier  
NS 3365 - Government and Politics in the GCC States  
NS 4020-29 - Special Topics (region-specific titles)  
NS 4300 - Social Mobilization and Conflict in the Middle East  
NS 4305 - Military, Polity, and Society in the Middle East  
NS 4310 - Seminar in Middle East Security  
NS4315 - U.S. Policy and the Islamic Republic of Iran  
NS 4320 - Islamic Fundamentalism  
NS 4325 - War in the Middle East  
NS 4328 - Government and Security in the Horn of Africa  
NS4332 – Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing World  
NS 4361 - Politics and Government in Egypt and Turkey  
NS4369 – Seminar on Politics and Security in Israel  
SO 4830 - Low-Intensity Conflict: Middle East

Africa specialization (12 month program)

Four of the following, two of which must be at the 4000 level.

NS 3351 - Anthropology of Africa  
NS 3361 - Politics and Security in North Africa  
NS 4311 - Contemporary Issues in African Politics  
NS 4327 - Southern African Politics  
NS 4328 - Government and Security in the Horn of Africa  
NS 4332 - Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing World  
NS4313 - Government and Security in West Africa  
SO 4820 - Low Intensity Conflict: Africa

South Asia specialization

Students must complete four of the following courses, of which at least two must be at the 4000 level:

NS 3300 - Islam  
*NS 3363 - Politics and Security in the Northern Tier*  
*NS 3635 - Asian Civil-Military Relations*

NS 3640 - *Asian Human Rights*  
NS 3667 - Chinese Foreign Policy  
NS 4020-29 - Special Topics (region-specific)  
    NS 4020 - Seminar on the Chinese PLA  
NS 4320 - Islamic Fundamentalism  
NS4332 - Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing  
    World  
NS 4640 - Seminar on Wars in Asia  
NS 4660 - Seminar on Asia in World Affairs  
NS4663 – Politics and Security in Afghanistan, Pakistan and  
    Iran  
NS 4667 - Seminar on Political Development in South Asia  
NS 4669 – Seminar on US Policy Towards South Asia  
NS 4690 - Seminar on International Security Issues of Asia

### **General Electives**

General electives may be selected from among all courses in the Department of National Security Affairs; or, with permission of the Academic Associate, from such courses in other Departments and Groups. The number of general electives available to a student varies with service affiliation, length of stay, and other factors. The accompanying matrices illustrate the range of possibilities.

## Regional Studies: Middle East

### 681 Track

#### 6 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)
NS3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS3040 or 3041 Economics Core	Strategic Studies Elective	NS0810 Thesis Research	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS3320 US Foreign Policy in the Middle East	NS3330 Contemporary Politics in the Middle East	NS3300 Islam	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS3310 History of the Modernizing Middle East, 1800 - 1958	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods		NS4080 Research Colloquium			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level



**Regional Studies: Middle East**

**681 Track**

**4 Quarter Matrix**

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)
<b>NS3000</b> <b>War in the</b> <b>Modern World</b>	<b>NS3040 or 3041</b> <b>Economics</b> <b>Core</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS0811 Comp</b> <b>Examination</b>
<b>NS 3023</b> <b>Introduction to</b> <b>Comparative</b> <b>Politics</b>	<b>NS 3024</b> <b>Introduction to</b> <b>International</b> <b>Relations</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective</b>
<b>NS3310</b> <b>Historical Survey</b> <b>of the Middle East,</b> <b>1800- 1958</b>	<b>NS3320</b> <b>US Foreign Policy</b> <b>in the Middle East</b>	<b>NS3330</b> <b>Contemporary</b> <b>Politics in the</b> <b>Middle East</b>	<b>NS3300</b> <b>Islam</b>
<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>
<b>NS 2011</b> <b>Policy Analysis &amp;</b> <b>Research Methods</b>			

**Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.**

## Regional Studies: Africa

### 681 Track

#### 4 Quarter Matrix

(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)
NS3000 War in the Modern World	NS3040 or 3041 Economics Core	NS General Elective	NS0811 Comp Examination
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS General Elective	NS General Elective
NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular or General Elective	NS 3311 Government and Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa	NS43211 Seminar in US Policy Towards Africa	NS3301 History and Cultures of Sub-Saharan Africa
NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 4301 Seminar on African Political Economy	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.

**FAR EAST, SOUTH-EAST ASIA, AND THE PACIFIC  
(682 / XX22P)**

**Disciplinary Core**

NS 3000 - War in the Modern World  
NS 3023 - Introduction to Comparative Politics  
NS 3024 - Introduction to International Relations  
NS 3040 - The Politics of Global Economic Relations  
or NS 3041 - Comparative Economic Systems  
NS2011 - Policy Analysis and Research Methods

**Curricular Core**

NS 3600 — Modern History of East Asia OR  
NS 3601 —History and Cultures of Southeast Asia

NS 3620 —Survey of Asian Politics

NS 3621 – International Relations of South East Asia OR  
NS4630 – Seminar on Northeast Asian Security

NS3645 – Political Economy of Asia  
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for  
USN, otherwise elective)

**Curricular Electives**

*(Please note: electives change frequently, and this may not  
be a comprehensive list. Academic Associates and Re-  
gional Coordinators may approve as regional electives  
classes that are not on the list below.)*

Four of the following [excluding courses chosen to satisfy  
the curricular core requirement], of which at least two must  
be at the 4000-level.

NS3300 – Islam  
NS 3600 — Modern History of East Asia (if not used for core  
requirement)  
NS 3601 —History and Cultures of Southeast Asia (if not  
used for core requirement)  
NS3602 – US – Asian Relations: 18<sup>th</sup> Century – Cold War  
NS 3621 – International Relations of South East Asia (if not  
used for core requirement)  
NS 3661—Government and Security in China  
NS 3662—Government and Security in Japan  
NS 3663—Government and Security in Korea  
NS 3664—Government and Security in Southeast Asia  
NS 3635—Asian Civil-Military Relations  
NS 3667—Chinese Foreign Policy  
NS 3668—Politics and Security in South Asia  
NS 4020-29—Special Topics (region-specific). The following  
is not a comprehensive list.  
NS 4020—Seminar on the Chinese PLA  
NS 4025 – Comparative Market Reform

NS 4028 – Political Development in South East Asia  
NS 4031 – Islam and Politics in South East Asia  
NS 4315 – Central Asia  
NS4332 – Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing  
World  
NS 4415 – Seminar in Security Issues in Central Asia  
NS 4610 - Asian Seminar: United States-Asian Relations  
NS 4630—Seminar on Northeast Asian Security (if not used  
for core requirement)  
NS 4640—Seminar on Wars in Asia  
NS4641 – Seminar on Democratization in South East Asia  
NS 4641 – Political and Ethnic Violence in South East Asia  
NS 4660—Seminar on Asia in World Affairs  
NS 4661 – Seminar on Democratization in South East Asia  
NS 4662 – Seminar on the Politics of South East Asia  
NS 4667—Seminar on Political Development in South Asia  
NS 4668—Seminar on Security in South Asia  
NS4690 – Seminar on International Security Issues of Asia  
NS4730 - Imperialism  
SO 4860—Low-Intensity Conflict: The Far East

**General Electives**

General electives may be selected from among all courses in  
the Department of National Security Affairs; or, with permis-  
sion of the Academic Associate, from such courses in other  
Departments and Groups. The number of general electives  
available to a student varies with service affiliation, length of  
stay, and other factors. The accompanying matrices illus-  
trate the range of possibilities.

**Regional Studies: Far East, South East Asia and the Pacific**

**682 Curriculum**

**6 Quarter Matrix**

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)
<b>NS3000</b> <b>War in the</b> <b>Modern World</b>	<b>NS 3024</b> <b>Introduction to</b> <b>International</b> <b>Relations</b>	<b>NS3040 or 3041</b> <b>Economics</b> <b>Core</b>	<b>Strategic</b> <b>Studies</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS0810</b> <b>Thesis</b> <b>Research</b>	<b>NS0810</b> <b>Thesis</b> <b>Research</b>
<b>NS 3023</b> <b>Introduction to</b> <b>Comparative</b> <b>Politics</b>	<b>NS3600</b> <b>Or NS 3601</b>  <b>History Class</b>	<b>NS3xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3621 or</b> <b>NS4630</b>  <b>International</b> <b>Relations Class</b>	<b>NS3645</b> <b>Political</b> <b>Economy of</b> <b>Asia</b>	<b>NS0810</b> <b>Thesis</b> <b>Research</b>
<b>NS3620</b> <b>Survey of Asian</b> <b>Politics</b>	<b>NS3xxx or</b> <b>NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3xxx or</b> <b>NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3xxx or</b> <b>NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS General or</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS General or</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>
<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective or</b> <b>JPME (USN)</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective or</b> <b>JPME (USN)</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective or</b> <b>JPME (USN)</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective or</b> <b>JPME (USN)</b>	<b>NS General or</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS General or</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>
<b>NS 2011</b> <b>Policy Analysis &amp;</b> <b>Research Methods</b>		<b>NS4080</b> <b>Research</b> <b>Colloquium</b>			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level.

**Regional Studies: Far East, South East  
Asia and the Pacific**

**682 Track**

**4 Quarter Matrix**

<b>(Winter)</b>	<b>(Spring)</b>	<b>(Summer)</b>	<b>(Fall)</b>
<b>NS3000</b> <b>War in the</b> <b>Modern World</b>	<b>NS3040 or 3041</b> <b>Economics</b> <b>Core</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS0811 Comp</b> <b>Examination</b>
<b>NS 3023</b> <b>Introduction to</b> <b>Comparative</b> <b>Politics</b>	<b>NS 3024</b> <b>Introduction to</b> <b>International</b> <b>Relations</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS General</b> <b>Elective</b>
<b>NS3620</b> <b>Survey of</b> <b>Asian Politics</b>	<b>NS3600 or</b> <b>NS 3601</b>  <b>History Class</b>	<b>NS3xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3621 or</b> <b>NS4630</b>  <b>International</b> <b>Relations Class</b>
<b>NS3645</b> <b>Political</b> <b>Economy of</b> <b>Asia</b>	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>	<b>South East Asia</b> <b>Curricular</b> <b>Elective</b>
<b>NS 2011</b> <b>Policy Analysis &amp;</b> <b>Research Methods</b>			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.

**WESTERN HEMISPHERE  
(683 / XX23P)**

**Disciplinary Core**

NS 3000 - War in the Modern World  
NS 3023 - Introduction to Comparative Politics  
NS 3024 - Introduction to International Relations  
NS 3040 - The Politics of Global Economic Relations  
or NS 3041 - Comparative Economic Systems  
NS2011 - Policy Analysis and Research Methods

**Curricular Core**

NS 3501—History and Cultures of Latin America  
NS 3510—Government and Politics in Latin America  
NS 3520—Latin American International Relations  
NS 4510—Seminar in Latin American Government and Politics  
NS 4560—Latin American Security Issues  
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

**Curricular Electives**

*(Please note: electives change frequently, and this may not be a comprehensive list. Academic Associates and Regional Coordinators may approve as regional electives classes that are not on the list below.)*

Three of the following:

NS 3155—Intelligence and Democracy  
NS 3900—International Law and Organizations  
NS 4020-29—Special Topics (region-specific)  
NS 4225—Civil-Military Relations in Transitions to Democracy  
NS 4235—Stability Operations  
NS4332 - Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing World  
NS 4501—Politics, Film and Fiction in Latin America (Spanish and English language sections)  
NS 4540—Political Economy of Latin American Development  
NS4650 - Advanced Seminar in Drug Control Strategy and Policy  
NS 4801—International Terrorism  
NS 4880—Seminar in Legal and Military Responses to Political Violence  
SO 4850—Low-Intensity Conflict: Latin America

**General Electives**

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**Regional Studies: Western Hemisphere Track**

**683 Curriculum**

**6 Quarter Matrix**

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)
NS3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS3040 or 3041 Economics Core	Strategic Studies Elective	NS0810 Thesis Research	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS4560 Seminar in Latin American Security Issues	NS3510 Government And Politics in Latin America	NS4510 Seminar in Latin American Government And Politics	NS3520 Latin American International Relations and Security	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS3501 History and Cultures of Latin America	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS 4xxx Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods		NS4080 Research Colloquium			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level.

## Regional Studies: Western Hemisphere Track

### 683 Curriculum

#### 4 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)
<b>NS3000</b> War in the Modern World	<b>NS3040 or 3041</b> Economics Core	<b>NS General</b> Elective	<b>NS0811 Comp</b> Examination
<b>NS 3023</b> Introduction to Comparative Politics	<b>NS 3024</b> Introduction to International Relations	<b>NS General</b> Elective	<b>NS General</b> Elective
<b>NS3501</b> History and Cultures of Latin America	<b>NS4560</b> Seminar in Latin American Security Issues	<b>NS3510</b> Government and Politics in Latin America	<b>NS4510</b> Seminar in Latin American Government
<b>NS3520</b> Latin American International Relations and Security	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> Curricular Elective	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> Curricular Elective	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> Curricular Elective
<b>NS 2011</b> Policy Analysis & Research Methods			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.



## EUROPE AND EURASIA (684 / XX24P)

Programs of study for Europe specialists vary depending upon whether a student concentrates on Western Europe, or Eastern Europe and the states of the former Soviet Union.

### Disciplinary Core

NS 3000 - War in the Modern World  
NS 3023 - Introduction to Comparative Politics  
NS 3024 - Introduction to International Relations  
NS 3040 - The Politics of Global Economic Relations  
or NS 3041 - Comparative Economic Systems  
NS2011 - Policy Analysis and Research Methods

### Curricular Core

#### Europe Curricular Core

NS 3700—History of Modern Europe  
NS 3710—Government and Security in Europe  
NS 3720—European Security Institutions  
NS 4710—Seminar in European Politics  
NS 4720—Seminar in European Security Issues  
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

#### Russia/Eurasia Curricular Core

NS 3400 – History and Politics in Russia and Eurasia  
NS 3401 – Contemporary Government and Politics in Russia and Eurasia  
NS 3720 - European Security Institutions  
NS 4410 - Seminar in Security Issues in Russia and Eurasia  
NS 4425 - Russian Foreign Policy  
NS 4255—Naval History and Maritime Strategy (required for USN, otherwise elective)

### Curricular Electives

*(Please note: electives change frequently, and this may not be a comprehensive list. Academic Associates and Regional Coordinators may approve as regional electives classes that are not on the list below.)*

Europe Curricular Electives – Three Required. For East European specialists, one elective must be at the 4000-level

NS 3155 - Intelligence and Democracy  
NS 3400 – History and Politics in Russia and Eurasia  
NS3401 - Contemporary Government and Politics in Russia and Eurasia  
NS 3450—War in Russia and Eurasia  
NS 3460—Government and Security in Eastern Europe  
NS 3730—The Balkans: Politics, History and Security  
NS 3900—International Law and Organizations  
NS 4020-29—Special Topics (region-specific)  
NS 4021 – Europe and the US  
NS 4022 – Soldiers and Politics in the Euro-Atlantic Region  
NS 4023—Nationalism in Europe, East and West  
NS 4036—Comparative Strategic Cultures  
NS 4037 – NATO  
NS 4160—Foreign Intelligence Services  
NS 4410—Seminar in Security Issues in Russia, Eastern Europe, and Central Asia  
SO 4840—Low-Intensity Conflict: Europe and the Trans-Caucasus

Russia/Eurasia Curricular Electives – Students must complete three courses from the following list.

NS 3412 - Government and Security in the Central Asian Republics  
NS 3450 – War in Russia and Eurasia  
NS 3460 – Government and Security in Eastern Europe  
NS3700 – History of Modern Europe  
NS 3710—Government and Security in Europe  
NS 3730—The Balkans: History, Politics and Security  
NS 3900—International Law and Organizations  
NS 4020-29— Region-Specific Special Topics Courses :  
NS4021 –Europe and the US  
NS 4022—Soldier and Politics in the Euro-Atlantic Region  
NS 4023—Nationalism in Europe, East and West  
NS4037 – NATO  
NS 4160—Foreign Intelligence Services  
NS4332 – Ethnicity and Ethnic Conflict in the Developing World  
NS 4415 – Seminar in Security Issues in Central Asia  
NS4502 – Russian Film and Fiction  
NS 4720—Seminar in European Security Issues

NS 4036—Comparative Strategic Cultures  
SO 4840—Low-Intensity Conflict: Europe and the Trans-  
Caucasus

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## Regional Studies: Europe

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### 6 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS3040 or 3041 Economics Core	NS3000 War in the Modern World	Strategic Studies Elective	NS0810 Thesis Research	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS3700 History of Modern Europe	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS3710 Government and Security in Europe	NS3720 European Security Institutions	NS4720 Seminar in European Security Institutions	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS4710 Seminar in European Politics	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods		NS4080 Research Colloquium			

## Regional Studies: Europe

### 684 Track

#### 4 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)
<b>NS3000</b> War in the Modern World	<b>NS3040 or 3041</b> Economics Core	<b>NS General Elective</b>	<b>NS0811 Comp Examination</b>
<b>NS 3023</b> Introduction to Comparative Politics	<b>NS 3024</b> Introduction to International Relations	<b>NS General Elective</b>	<b>NS General Elective</b>
<b>NS3700</b> History of Modern Europe	<b>NS3720</b> European Security Institutions	<b>NS3710</b> Government and Security in Europe	<b>NS3720</b> European Security Institutions
<b>NS4710</b> Seminar in European Politics	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> Curricular Elective	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> Curricular Elective	<b>NS3xxx or NS4xxx</b> Curricular Elective
<b>NS 2011</b> Policy Analysis & Research Methods			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level and language instruction as determined by sponsor.



# Regional Studies: Russia/Eurasia

684 Track

## 6 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)	(Winter)	(Spring)
NS3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS3040 or 3041 Economics Core	Strategic Studies Elective	NS0810 Thesis Research	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS3720 European Security Institutions	NS3401 Contemporary Government and Politics in Russia and Eurasia	NS4410 Seminar in Security Issues in Russia and Eurasia	NS4425 Russian Foreign Policy	NS0810 Thesis Research
NS3400 Government and Politics in Russia And Eurasia	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General Elective or JPME (USN)	NS General or Curricular Elective	NS General or Curricular Elective
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods		NS4080 Research Colloquium			

Overall program must include 16 hours of work at the 4000-level.

# Regional Studies: Russia/Eurasia

## 684 Track

### 6 Quarter Matrix

(Winter)	(Spring)	(Summer)	(Fall)
NS3000 War in the Modern World	NS 3024 Introduction to International Relations	NS General Elective	NS0811 Comp Examination
NS 3023 Introduction to Comparative Politics	NS3720 European Security Institutions	NS General Elective	NS General Elective
NS3400 Government and Politics in Russia And Eurasia	NS4425 Russian Foreign Policy NS4425	NS3401 Contemporary Government and Politics in Russia and	NS4410 Seminar in Security Issues in Russia and Eurasia
NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	NS3720 European Security Institutions	NS3xxx or NS4xxx Curricular Elective	
NS 2011 Policy Analysis & Research Methods			

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## APPENDIX A

## POINT OF CONTACT INFORMATION

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## APPENDIX B

### EDUCATIONAL SKILL REQUIREMENTS

#### Regional Security Studies

##### Curricula 681, 682, 683, 684

The goal of these curricula is to educate military officers and civilian officials of the United States and other nations in regional studies and the unique challenges involved in effective security cooperation with states in other world regions. The curricula include a core of military and diplomatic history, comparative politics and international relations, policy analysis, and the U.S. decision-making process. Each curriculum includes a specific series of courses focused on region specific history and culture, politics and government, security structures and processes, security issues, and relationships with the United States and other countries and international organizations. These curricula draw upon other NPS curricula including Regional Intelligence, Strategic Studies, and Civil-Military Relations.

Students conduct research (including classified research) on questions of interest to the program sponsors, the U.S. Armed Services, the unified commands, and other federal agencies. Special emphasis is placed on the writing of a thesis, which gives the student the opportunity to develop the skills required for critical thought and coherent expression while producing a study of value to the Department of Defense. Graduates will understand regional challenges to U.S. national security and the role of U.S. national security policy in addressing such challenges. They will thoroughly understand the security situation of the particular region in which they specialize, as well as U.S. foreign and defense policies applicable to that region.

The Regional Security Studies curricula also incorporates NPS and Naval War College courses to earn Professional Joint Education (JPME) Phase I credit.

Navy Officers completing these curricula, in addition to receiving the applicable sub-specialty code for their region of study, will also receive the Additional Qualification Designator (AQD) designating them as Navy Foreign Area Officers (FAO) in accordance with applicable instructions.

#### I BASIC GRADUATE LEVEL SKILLS

A. Research. Be proficient at assembling information from the full range of data sources applicable to analyzing, understanding, and explaining international political, economic,

and military events. (NS2011, NS4080 and NS4000 level courses)

B. Analysis. Be able to logically combine data and theory to analyze and explain international political, economic, and military events and to formulate innovative solutions to strategic problems. (NS2011, NS4080 and NS4000 level courses)

C. Communications. Be proficient at to clearly summarize large quantities of information and persuasively present recommended policy positions and courses of action using a broad range of verbal and written communications formats, including short and concise statements of the strongest or most pertinent facts and recommendations (e.g., short oral arguments or written summaries such as position/talking point papers) and comprehensive, fully documented, presentations of all pertinent facts, hypotheses, and conclusions (e.g., academic theses). )

#### II GENERAL POLITICAL SCIENCE, INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND SECURITY STUDIES

A. International and Comparative Politics. Understand the conditions, events, and ideas that shape the interactions of nation-states and other actors in the international system. Know the history and major theories explaining international relations (including realism, cognitive, and cultural paradigms) and be able to use this knowledge to analyze and explain international and domestic issues.

B. The International Economy. Understand the economic factors that shape the international security environment, including the economic dimensions of national security policy and the ways in which economic policies and interests affect military strategy and force structure.

C. Diplomatic History. Know origins and development of diplomatic relations between the countries of the world, including negotiations of peace settlements, military alliances, arms limitation agreements, economic arrangements, and human rights accords.

D. International Law and Organizations. Know the rudiments of international law, including the law of the sea and the laws of armed conflict. Understand the history of international organizations and their role in international politics and the theory and practice of international mediation and negotiations, formal and informal security arrangements, treaty regimes, and international law, and their impact on U.S. mili-

itary planning and rules of engagement, including the role and impact of non-governmental organizations on peace-keeping and humanitarian operations.)

E. U.S. Public Management and Organization. Know the theory and practice of management in the U.S. public sector, including strategies and tactics of executive branch management, organizational change and adaptation, and problems of leadership in civilian branches and agencies, including Congress.

F. Military History and Defense Organization. Know rudiments of U.S. and world military history, including the origins and evolution of current U.S. security policy and strategy.

G. U.S. Security Policy and Strategy. Understand the formulation and execution of U.S. national security policy and strategy, including interactions among the executive departments and agencies and between the executive and legislative branches of government in policy, strategy, and budget decisions. (NWC courses, NS3030 or NS3037)

### **III. PROFESSIONAL JOINT MILITARY EDUCATION**

A. National Military Capabilities And Command Structure. Understand the capabilities and limitations of U.S. military forces; the organizational framework within which joint forces are employed; the purpose, roles, functions, and relationships of the President, National Security Council, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Joint Chiefs of Staff, combatant commanders, Joint Force Commanders (JFCs), and combat support organizations; joint force command relationships and directive authority for logistics support joint warfighting capabilities; and how the U.S. military is organized to plan, execute, sustain, and train for joint, interagency, and multinational operations.

B. Joint Doctrine. Understand current joint doctrine, the factors influencing joint doctrine, the relationship between Service and joint doctrine, and be able to formulate and defend solutions to operational problems using current joint doctrine.

C. Joint and Multinational Forces at the Operational Level of War. Understand the relationships among national objectives, military objectives, and conflict termination; the relationships among the strategic, operational, and tactical levels of war; how theory and principles of war apply at the operational level; the considerations for employing joint and multinational forces at the operational level; and be able to plan for the operational level employment of joint forces.

D. Joint Planning and Execution Processes. Understand the fundamentals of campaign planning; the relationship

between national objectives and available means through the framework of joint planning processes; the effect of time, coordination, policy changes, and political developments on the planning process; how defense planning systems affect joint operational planning; and how national, joint, and Service intelligence organizations support JFCs.

### **IV. SECNAV Requirements (for all Navy Students at Naval Postgraduate School.)**

A. Naval Power and Policy. Understand the historical, current and evolving elements of maritime strategy; including an analysis and comparison of present and emerging tactical and strategic naval doctrine as well as an analysis of emerging technical developments and their potential effect upon the prosecution of tactical and strategic naval warfare by the United States, our allies and our potential adversaries.

### **V. STRATEGIC PLANNING.**

A. Coalitions and Combined Military Operations. Know the facts and theories behind the principal alliances and international organizations shaping the current security environment, including their role in U.S. national strategy. Understand problems of coalition warfare and combined operations across the full range of military missions, from peace operations to major war.

B. Proliferation and Counterproliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD). Understand the implications of WMD proliferation for the security of the United States and other countries; why states and other actors seek nuclear, chemical, and/or biological weapons and associated delivery systems, and the strategic effects in different regions of WMD proliferation; and the successes and limitations of traditional nonproliferation efforts and limitations and potential for success of new military measures designed to counter WMD proliferation.

C. Nuclear Strategy. Understand the roles of nuclear forces in the security policies of the United States and other nuclear powers; U.S. nuclear force acquisition, planning, deterrence policy, and employment concepts from the Second World War to the present; and the role of nuclear weapons in alliance politics and international relations.

D. Military Innovation and Transformation. Understand the basic dynamics of military innovation as social, political, strategic, and operational problems; including the role of technological, conceptual and organizational innovation in producing revolutionary changes in the conduct and character of warfare, necessary for sustaining United States competitive advantage in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Security Environment.

E. Maritime Strategy. Understand the role of sea power and maritime strategy in the international system, and the use of naval forces in the conduct of war; including naval armaments, arms races, and arms control, gunboat diplomacy, law of the sea, littoral and amphibious operations, naval aviation and strategic naval forces.

## **VI. REGIONAL SECURITY STUDIES.**

A. Regional Politics, History and Culture. Understand major political systems, historical background, political culture, and prevalent political ideologies and their impact on regional security, as well as the influence of ethnic, cultural, and religious values on security situations (NS3600, NS3601, NS3602, NS3620).

B. Emerging Security Challenges. Understand the major global and regional security issues, including political and military relationships between states, especially the potential for military conflict, insurgencies and terrorism, social and economic problems, and other issues affecting the security of nations and regions. Know the regional sources of political and social instability and violence, including ethnic conflict, and their influence on regional security planning and U.S. national security policy (NS3600 series or NS4600 courses).

C. Regional Conflict. Understand the characteristic patterns of violent conflict in the region, the likely sources and character of regional wars in the present and future, and the historical and prospective impact of such wars on the international system as a whole (NS3600 series, NS4600, or NS4640).

D. Military Forces and Strategic Posture. Understand the main factors determining the strategic postures of countries in the region, including strategic culture and goals, threat perceptions, and military force structures (NS3600 series, NS4600 series, or NS4640, or NS4690).

E. U.S. Regional Security Policy. Understand the U.S. foreign policy objectives and political, economic, and military strategy, including U.S. engagement policy, for the region; the formulation of U.S. policy for the region, including the role of Congress and the interagency process; and U.S. security assistance programs relevant to the region.

**Curriculum Sponsor and ESR Approval Authority**

**Deputy Chief of Naval Operations**

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